

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 180-213 remained pending in this Application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 180-213 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Traub et al (Hereinafter Traub , U.S Patent 6, 058, 377 in view of Shepherd U.S Patent 5, 970, 479).

As per claims 180-181, Traub discloses a method, comprising: determining, using a computing device, an initial price of a financial instrument based at least in part on an estimated revenue, in which the financial instrument (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

Traub fails to explicitly receiving an order to buy the financial instrument; receiving an order to sell the financial instrument, determining, using the computing device, an imbalance between a quantity of received buy orders and a quantity of received sell orders for the financial instrument, determining, using the computing device, a price of the financial instrument based at least in part on the imbalance and executing a trade on the financial instrument at the determined price.

However Shepherd discloses the invention encompasses methods and apparatus enabling the management of risk relating to specified, yet unknown, future events by enabling entities (parties) to reduce their exposure to specified risks by constructing compensatory claim contract orders on yet-to-be-identified counter-parties, being contingent on the occurrence of the specified future events. The entities submit such orders to a `system` which seeks to price and match the

most appropriate counter-party, whereupon matched contracts are appropriately processed through to their maturity (see column 4 lines 13-67 and column 5 lines 1-24 and column 9 lines 41-55 and column 18 lines 5-11).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Traub to include receiving an order to buy the financial instrument; receiving an order to sell the financial instrument, determining, using the computing device, an imbalance between a quantity of received buy orders and a quantity of received sell orders for the financial instrument, determining, using the computing device, a price of the financial instrument based at least in part on the imbalance and executing a trade on the financial instrument at the determined price taught by Shepherd in order to match and trade financial instruments.

Further when buyers and sellers are engaged in a trade of item/s, the market price is the value of an asset on the price it would demand on an open market, which represent the price the asset is being bought or sold for taught by Shepherd in order to match and trade financial instruments.

Traub and Shepherd fail to explicitly teach revenue for a movie and a financial instrument that represents a movie.

However a estimated revenue for a movie and a financial instrument that represents a movie would be representative of a revenue bond, because revenue bonds are issued by entities or institutions to finance different projects for example bridges, movies, and road projects, and the revenue generated (i. e, estimated revenue") from motorist using the bridge and paying tools are committed to paying off the revenue bond, therefore financing a movie is no different than financing bridges because the fees (i. e, estimated revenue") that is paid by the patrons that attend the movie would be used in paying off the revenue bond that was used to finance the movie .

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Traub and Shepherd to include revenue for a movie and a financial instrument that represents a movie, because financing a movie is no different than financing bridges because the fees (i. e, estimated revenue") that is paid by the patrons that attend the movie would be used in paying off the revenue bond that was used to finance the movie.

As per claims 182, Traub discloses further comprising: attaching a warrant with a strike price to the financial instrument (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 183, Traub discloses 183. (New) The method of claim 180, further comprising: determining that the imbalance exceeds a threshold and stopping trading of the financial instrument based on the imbalance exceeding the threshold (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 184, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument comprises:

determining a price increase for the financial instrument based on the imbalance (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 185, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

comparing a threshold to the price increase and increasing the price of the financial instrument when the price increase exceeds the threshold (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 186, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

increasing a previous price of the financial instrument from a previous cycle by the price increase (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 187, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument comprises:

determining a price decrease for the financial instrument based on the imbalance (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 188, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

comparing a threshold to the price decrease and decreasing the price of the financial instrument when the price decrease exceeds the threshold (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 189, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

decreasing a previous price of the financial instrument from a previous cycle by the price decrease (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 190, Traub discloses in which receiving the order to buy the financial instrument comprises:

receiving, from a remote device, the order to buy the financial instrument, in which the computing device and the remote device are in communication over a network (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 191-192, Traub discloses an apparatus, comprising: at least one computing device and a non-transitory tangible medium storing instructions that, when executed by the at least one computing device, cause the at least one computing device at least to, determine an initial price of a financial instrument based at least in part on an estimated revenue in which the financial instrument (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

Traub fails to explicitly receive an order to buy the financial instrument; receive an order to sell the financial instrument, determine an imbalance between a quantity of received buy orders and a quantity of received sell orders for the financial instrument, determine a price of the financial instrument based at least in part on the imbalance and execute a trade on the financial instrument at the determined price.

However Shepherd discloses the invention encompasses methods and apparatus enabling the management of risk relating to specified, yet unknown, future events by enabling entities (parties) to reduce their exposure to specified risks by constructing compensatory claim contract orders on yet-to-be-identified counter-parties, being contingent on the occurrence of the specified future events. The entities submit such orders to a `system` which seeks to price and match the most appropriate counter-party, whereupon matched contracts are appropriately processed through to their maturity (see column 4 lines 13-67 and column 5 lines 1-24 and column 9 lines 41-55 and column 18 lines 5-11).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Traub to include receive an order to buy the financial instrument; receive an order to sell the financial instrument, determine an imbalance between a quantity of received buy orders and a quantity of received sell orders for the financial instrument, determine a price of the financial instrument based at least in part on the imbalance and execute a trade on the financial instrument at the determined price taught by Shepherd in order to match and trade financial instruments.

Further when buyers and sellers are engaged in a trade of item, the market price is the value of an asset on the price it would demand on an open market, which represent the price the asset the is being bought or sold taught by Shepherd in order to match and trade financial instruments.

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As per claims 193, Traub discloses wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one computing device, further cause the at least one computing device at least to:
attach a warrant with a strike price to the financial instrument (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 194, Traub discloses wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one computing device, further cause the at least one computing device at least to: determine that the imbalance exceeds a threshold; and stop trading of the financial instrument based on the imbalance exceeding the threshold (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 195, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument comprises:
determining a price increase for the financial instrument based on the imbalance (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 196-200, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:
comparing a threshold to the price increase and increasing the price of the financial instrument when the price increase exceeds the threshold (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 197, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:
increasing a previous price of the financial instrument from a previous cycle by the price increase (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 198, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument comprises:
determining a price decrease for the financial instrument based on the imbalance (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 199, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:
comparing a threshold to the price decrease and decreasing the price of the financial instrument when the price decrease exceeds the threshold (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 200, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

decreasing a previous price of the financial instrument from a previous cycle by the price decrease (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 201, Traub discloses in which the at least one computing device comprises the non-transitory tangible medium (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 202, Traub discloses in which the at least one computing device does not comprise the non-transitory tangible medium (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 203-204, Traub discloses an article of manufacture, comprising:
a non-transitory tangible medium storing instructions that, when executed by at least one computing device, cause the at least one computing device at least to:
determine an initial price of a financial instrument based at least in part on an estimated revenue, in which the financial instrument; receive an order to buy the financial instrument (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

Traub fails to explicitly receive an order to buy the financial instrument; receive an order to sell the financial instrument receive an order to sell the financial instrument, determine an imbalance between a quantity of received buy orders and a quantity of received sell orders for the financial instrument, determine a price of the financial instrument based at least in part on the imbalance and execute a trade on the financial instrument at the determined price.

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Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Traub to include receive an order to sell the

financial instrument, determine an imbalance between a quantity of received buy orders and a quantity of received sell orders for the financial instrument, determine a price of the financial instrument based at least in part on the imbalance and execute a trade on the financial instrument at the determined price taught by Shepherd in order to match and trade financial instruments.

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As per claims 205, Traub discloses further comprising the at least one computing device (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 206, Traub discloses wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one computing device, further cause the at least one computing device at least to, attach a warrant with a strike price to the financial instrument (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 207, Traub discloses wherein the instructions, when executed by the at least one computing device, further cause the at least one computing device at least to: determine that the imbalance exceeds a threshold and stop trading of the financial instrument based on the imbalance exceeding the threshold (Note abstract and see column 1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 208, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument comprises:

determining a price increase for the financial instrument based on the imbalance (Note abstract and see column1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 209, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

comparing a threshold to the price increase and increasing the price of the financial instrument when the price increase exceeds the threshold (Note abstract and see column1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 210, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

increasing a previous price of the financial instrument from a previous cycle by the price increase (Note abstract and see column1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 211, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument comprises:

determining a price decrease for the financial instrument based on the imbalance (Note abstract and see column1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 212, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

comparing a threshold to the price decrease and decreasing the price of the financial instrument when the price decrease exceeds the threshold (Note abstract and see column1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

As per claims 213, Traub discloses in which determining the price of the financial instrument further comprises:

decreasing a previous price of the financial instrument from a previous cycle by the price decrease (Note abstract and see column1 lines 29-34 and column 6 lines 31-56 and column 7 lines 21-39).

Conclusion

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

4. Applicant's arguments filed 6/13/11 has been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the following reasons.
5. In response to Applicant's arguments that Traub and Shepherd fail to teach or suggest "determining a price of the financial instrument based at least in part on the imbalance between a quantity of received buy orders and a quantity of received sell orders for the financial instrument and determining the initial price of the financial instrument based at least in part on an estimated revenue for a movie, in which the financial instrument represents the movie".
6. Traub teaches a financial securities transactions, which includes the initial sale, the value of a security and it is estimated, e.g., based on expected future cash flow.

Shepherd teaches specific offering in which a contract ordering party with a specified contingent entitlement to "exclusive production warrants". That is, warrants providing the holder with priority access to a specified quantity of replacement the simultaneous order matching processes are those seeking some type of optimum solution according to pre-defined objectives. The maximise the number of ordering party-counterparty matches, maximize the aggregate consideration and/or entitlement value of ordering party-counterparty matches"; or "minimize the value of a function specifying the sum of the differences (possibly weighted according to their perceived importance) between the actual and desired values of match attributes of ordering parties and counterparties which represents the imbalance as a difference between the ordering party and the counter order party.

Therefore the combined teachings of Traub determine an initial value and the estimated value of a financial instrument sale based on Shepherd difference between ordering party and counter ordering party quantities request when execute would perform the functions of valuing a financial instrument from issue to the estimated sale of the instrument.

7. In response to Applicant's statements that the statement that "financing a movie is no different than financing bridges" is also vague and false".

The examiner was simply stating that the process of financing movies or bridges are no different because a estimated revenue for a movie and a financial instrument that represents a movie would be representative of a revenue bond, because revenue bonds are issued by entities or institutions to finance different projects for example bridges, movies, and road projects, and the revenue generated (i. e, estimated revenue") from motorist using the bridge and paying tolls are

committed to paying off the revenue bond, therefore financing a movie is no different than financing bridges because the fees (i. e, estimated revenue") that is paid by the patrons that attend the movie would be used in paying off the revenue bond that was used to finance the movie .

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clement B. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-6795. The examiner can normally be reached on 7am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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